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Timely Tidbits ...**Volunteers Needed for Detroit Grand Prix**

The Detroit Grand Prix Association, the official volunteer organization of the Detroit Belle Isle Grand Prix, is looking for enthusiastic and dedicated volunteers for the race to be held August 29–31.

Volunteer openings are available for ushers, shuttle guides, and ticket takers; volunteers are also needed for transportation/delivery, information, customer relations, and food services.

Membership in the Detroit Grand Prix Association requires a \$15 fee that entitles members to many benefits, including a race weekend "uniform" (three T-shirts and a hat), a DGPA patch and lapel pin, race credentials for three days of race weekend, lunch, secured parking, a kickoff party (July 31), an after-race party, and ticket/merchandise discounts.

To learn about volunteer opportunities, or to register online, visit www.detroitgp.com and click on the "volunteer" tab. For further information, call 313-262-1805 or e-mail volmanager@detroitgp.com.

Airport Vote Set

The Wayne County Airport Authority Board is expected to vote on a proposed Master Plan that would provide for the construction of a fifth parallel runway on the south end of Romulus when it meets on July 24. (Results unavailable at press time.)

Airport officials say that projections of increased traffic necessitate the runway, which would require the demolition of more than 800 homes, at least one elementary school, and numerous businesses. In fact, recent statements issued by the WCAA site a passenger traffic increase of as much as three percent for the first five months of 2008, although they contain the caveat that the figures are preliminary, and subject to possible subsequent revision.

Romulus Mayor Alan Lambert, the City Council, and many area elected officials are opposed to the expansion, which, they say, would decimate the community. They have asked WCAA authorities to work with them to develop a less invasive plan to accommodate traffic growth. □

Low Voter Turnout Expected for Primary

With experts across the state predicting low turnouts for the August 5 primary, Romulus City Clerk Linda Choate is reminding everyone that the old maxim, "every vote counts," may be trite, but it's true – as she can attest from personal experience.

"In November 1997, the general election for the seventh seat on the Romulus City Council ended in a tie between Mary Hatten Collins and Michael Prybyla," Choate recalled. "We ended up determining the winner [Prybyla] by putting two slips of paper – one of which said 'elected'; the other, 'not elected' – into a container, and having each candidate choose one.

"Believe me," she added, "your vote really can make a difference."

Yet, despite the importance of the primary, Choate says she wouldn't be at all surprised to see a turnout as low as 20%. Part of the reason, she believes, is the relative lack of controversial ballot proposals in this election. Only a proposed 0.1 mill hike for the Detroit Zoo faces voters countywide.

There are, however, a few races that

could generate more-than-usual interest among area voters. One that comes to mind is the State Representative position in the 22nd District (Romulus and Taylor), where the departure of term-limited Hoon-Yung Hopgood is leaving a void. Three Taylor Democrats – Jill Brandana, Douglas Geiss, and Edward Mulka – are fighting for the support of voters who typically lean heavily in their party's favor. Two Republicans – Taylor residents Don Lingerfelt and Darrell McNeill – are vying for a spot on the November ballot, as well.

Also leaving due to term limits is Kathleen Law, Representative of the 23rd District (including Brownstown and Huron townships), whose seat is sought by five Democrats (Burl Adkins, Jim Beaubien, J. Forrest Chapman, John Cronin, and Deb Kennedy) and three Republicans (Neil DeBlois, J. Garza, and Linda Harmon).

Certain races on the local level promise to be hotly contested, too. In Brownstown, for instance, voters must narrow a field of 12 Democratic candidates for Township Trustee (Larry Arreguin, Mike Eberth,

Albert Mann, Ed Neal, Todd Pappas, Teri Rybski, Richard Sexton, Kevin Stoltz, James Taft, Clyde Walters, Barbara Warren, and David Zurawski) down to four.

Community proposals of note include a police millage renewal in Huron Township and a "downtown improvement" bond issue in Belleville.

One thing that voters everywhere need to remember is that they *cannot* vote a "split ticket" on the primary ballot's partisan section. Ballots that contain votes for both Democratic and Republican candidates will not be counted for any partisan office.

In the nonpartisan section, voters will be asked to choose not more than three of the following candidates for Judge of the 3rd Circuit Court: Wanda Cal, Richard Cunningham, Sharon Grier, Robert Harris Jr., Daniel Hathaway, Susan Hubbard, Connie Kelley, Corbett O'Meara, Lynne Pierce, Neil Sawicki, and John Sullivan.

Voters who would like to familiarize themselves with their particular community's ballot before election day may request a sample from their local clerk's office. □

Taylor Courthouse To Be Named for Longtime Judges

City of Taylor elected officials got together outside the 23rd District Court on July 15 following the City Council's unanimous vote to name the building the Nicita and Sutherland Courthouse in honor of two of the city's longtime judges, Anthony Nicita and William J. Sutherland. On hand for the photo were: (from left) City Treasurer Wayne F. Avery, Councilman Jeff Lamarand, City Clerk Mary Ann Rilley, Councilwoman Jacklyn Molner, Judge Sutherland, Mayor Cameron G. Priebe, Judge Nicita, Councilman Rick Sollars, Council Chairwoman Pro-tem Jill Brandana, Council Chairman Douglas A. Geiss, Councilman Butch Ramik, and Councilwoman Suzanne Weycker. (See story on page 3.)



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- Work with Union Leadership in relation to employment at Ford
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McGeogh Memorial Scholarships Awarded

The Taylor Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 123 has awarded \$1,000 college scholarships to 2008 graduates Joshua Deneen of Truman High School and Jennifer Larcinese of Kennedy High School.

The scholarships honor the memory of Holly McGeogh, a 2002 Truman alumna who was killed in a bomb blast in Iraq in January 2004. McGeogh, who was 19 at the time, was planning to attend college when she returned home from the Army.

Deneen, 18, was chosen for his academic excellence as well as his involvement in school activities. His essay, in which he honored McGeogh, set him apart from other applicants. The son of Andre and Shannon Foggs plans to major in business management.

Char Dudek, a teacher at Truman,

recommended Deneen for the scholarship, saying, "Josh is an exemplary student. His academic skills are far above his peers. He works well in small groups and has taken on the role of leader, where he has done an outstanding job. He is a model student and a pleasure to have in class."

Larcinese, the other scholarship recipient, was chosen for her academic performance, community involvement, and essay. The 17-year-old daughter of Patricia Rhome and the late Franklin Larcinese is planning a career in physical therapy.

"Jennifer has the qualities that are imperative for success," said Kennedy teacher Jacqueline Lancina. "Her personality, along with her work ethic, will allow her to accomplish whatever goals she sets for herself." □

Taylor Courthouse To Be Named for Longtime Judges Nicita and Sutherland

The 23rd District Court building in Taylor will be named after two men who served together for more than 32 years in the City of Taylor judiciary: Judge Anthony Nicita and Judge William J. Sutherland.

On July 15, upon a recommendation by Mayor Cameron G. Priebe, the Taylor City Council voted unanimously to honor the judges by adding their names to the courthouse.

For many area residents, the judges' names have been synonymous with Taylor since it was a township more than 40 years ago. At that time, Nicita and Sutherland served on committees that studied the feasibility – and ultimately promoted the idea – of Taylor Township becoming a city. After voters approved "cityhood" in 1968, both men served on the commission that drafted the first City Charter.

Judge Nicita served the Taylor judiciary full-time for 43 years, first as a justice of the peace, then as a municipal court judge when Taylor became a city in 1968, and later still as a district court judge from 1980 to his retirement in 2001. He continues to serve as a visiting judge in Taylor and other communities.

Judge Sutherland, who was elected municipal judge in 1968, has served as a judge in the 23rd District Court since 1980 for a total of 40 years on the bench.

"There are no other two judges in any community in the State of Michigan with the service, tenure, and stature of Judge Nicita and Judge Sutherland," Mayor Priebe said. "These two men have served Taylor proudly, and they deserve to be recognized in the highest regard, esteem, and honor."

Both judges said they were flattered and honored.

"In my opinion, one of the highest honors a city can bestow on one of its citizens is the naming of a park, street, school,

or public facility in recognition of his or her service to the community," Judge Sutherland said. "I'm sure that I speak for Judge Nicita when I say that we are both overwhelmed with the honor of having this new court named the Nicita and Sutherland Courthouse. What greater honor can be given to an attorney and judge than to have a courthouse named after them?"

Judge Nicita concurred.

"It is a great honor to have my name appear on the building," he said. "It's not something that is expected, but I'm very thankful to the mayor and the city council for thinking about me after all of these years of retirement."

"Also," Nicita added, "it's great to have my name linked with that of Judge Sutherland, having served with him for more than three decades."

The stately new courthouse at 23365 Goddard Road, just east of the former court, opened in October 2005. An official naming ceremony will take place on a date to be determined. □

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Letter to the Editor

City Officials Should Re-evaluate Priorities

To the Editor:

Several weeks ago, a resident attending a Romulus City Council meeting asked why the City still hasn't passed an ordinance requiring developers to put fences around retention ponds – especially after the recent drowning of a young child. After some hemming and hawing, Mayor Alan Lambert replied that it isn't the City's job to "babysit."

Imagine my surprise, then, at Council's July 7 resolution restricting City employees' ability to borrow money from their own retirement funds. Those who supported the change said they were only trying to "protect" the workers, whom they must believe to be too simpleminded to make responsible decisions regarding their financial future.

Is it just me, or do some people need to readjust their priorities?

Nina Trump
Romulus

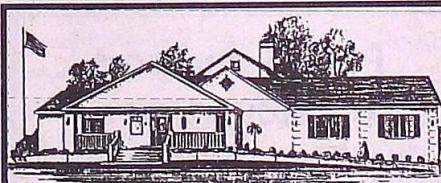
Class of 1966 Turns 60!

In 1966, BarHops was the place to be in Romulus, gas was cheap, living was easy, and the world seemed to be wide open with opportunity.

Now, 42 years later, members of Romulus High School's Class of 1966 are rounding the bend on their 60th birthday, and no one could be more surprised at how time has flown.

Working on the close bond that grew from living and growing up in small-town Romulus and knowing the same kids all through school, our class members have always kept in touch through reunions and special events, starting with a five-year reunion, reunions every five years thereafter, a 50th birthday party, and now yearly get-togethers.

This year's event will celebrate our collective 60th birthday with dinner at Leonardo's Italian Grille (located on Merriam Road, just south of Ecorse Road, in Romulus) on Friday, August 15, at 8 p.m.



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Friends and class members are invited to attend one or both events, or to just stop in and say hello.

For more information, please call Gary Gasser (248-476-0527), Marge Bergman (734-595-0187), Linda (Goforth) Lawrence (734-306-0546), or Tom (734-941-3185). Marge Bergman Westland

Lend a Helping Hand

To the Editor:

The Helping Hand of Romulus needs our help to be able to help others.

Due to today's economy, many people have lost their jobs, banks are foreclosing on homes, and countless families – especially children – don't have enough to eat. During the school year, student food drives often benefit the Helping Hand, but summer break always brings a temporary halt to these donations.

At this time, Helping Hand is in need of boxed goods, canned goods ... whatever you can spare. Just one item will make a difference in somebody's life.

A person once asked me, "Why do you talk about Helping Hand so much?" I answered, "As long as there is someone going hungry, I will continue to talk about it."

If you can go to your refrigerator, open the door, and find food, then you are truly blessed. If we all work together and share our blessings, we can make sure that our neighbors never go hungry again.

Your donation – whether large or small – will be greatly appreciated.

Helping Hand – located at 37510 Huron River Drive – is open Tuesday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call 734-941-5323.

Harry Crout
Romulus

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The little paper reserves the right to edit all letters for clarity and, if necessary, brevity.

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Open House Showed Off \$300,000 Refurbishment of Taylor Library



Taylor Mayor Cameron G. Priebe and Taylor Community Library director Linda Baum – pictured here in front of the youth reading section – are proud of the library's improved facilities.

More than 200 people enjoyed refreshments and musical entertainment as part of an open house celebration that was held at the Taylor Community Library on June 24 to showcase the facility's \$300,000 refurbishment project.

Library patrons will discover:

- expanded study space, including study desks with built-in task lighting.
- an enlarged audiovisual collection area.
- enhanced youth area features, including a "tree house" puppet theater.
- increased computer access in the computer lab and youth collections. Library director Linda Baum said the number of computers for use by young people has tripled.
- the addition of a "Laptop Lounge" featuring innovative seating and vending machines, plus a big-screen television. Baum said the lounge design creates a "wireless friendly" environment for computer users.
- increased space for students meeting with tutors.
- a new circulation desk with increased capacity to address the high demand.

"Everything was designed and planned to increase the facility's serviceability to the community," explained Baum, who went on to thank the City departments that assisted with the refurbishment – particularly

the Skilled Trades Division of the Department of Public Works, the Information Technology Department, the Budget and Finance Department, and the Parks and Recreation Department.

"So many departments were part of this project," Baum said. "We can attribute the success of the project to all of their help. It was very much a collaborative effort."

During the open house, Taylor Mayor Cameron G. Priebe praised the 125 students participating in the Summer Reading Program for their interest in the library and reading. He remarked that their early interest will result in a lifelong enjoyment of reading and learning.

As part of the reading program, children were asked to participate in a guessing contest to pick the number of items within the library collections. Three prizes were awarded for the closest guesses to the exact number: 136,468. The winners were Katelyn Willim (whose guess was 132,000), Greg Brandenburg, and Grace Hunt.

The Taylor Community Library is located at 12303 Pardee Road. Library hours are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information about the library, please call 734-287-4840 or visit the library Web site at <http://www.taylor.lib.mi.us>. □

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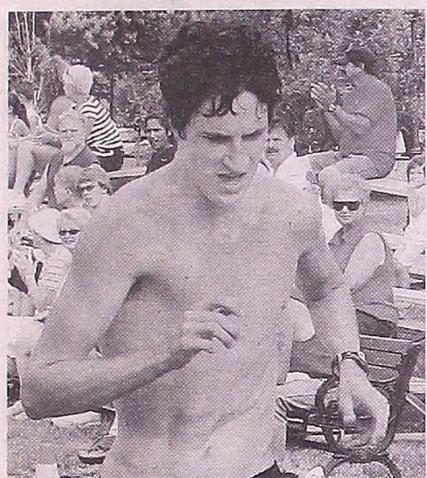
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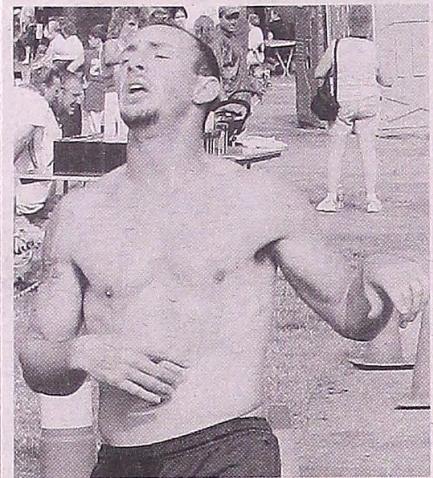
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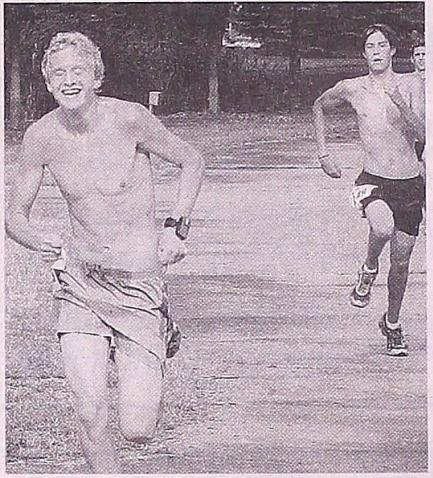
Annual Rollie Hopgood 5K Run Honors Late Taylor Leader



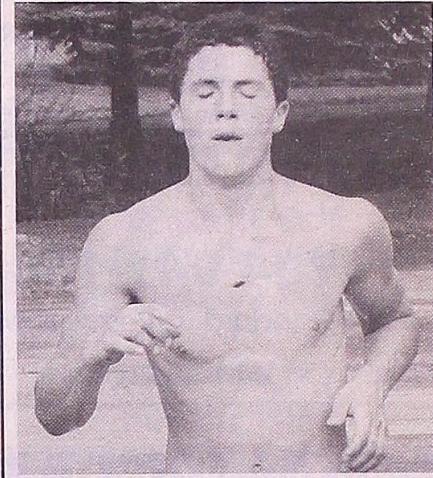
Sam Breen of Brownstown finished third overall in the Rollie Hopgood Midtown Taylor 5K Run.



Eddie Trayno of Taylor, a regular in the 5K run, crossed the finish line in seventh place overall.



Andrew Campbell (left) finished one second ahead of fellow Brownstown resident Nick Albertson (right).



Brownstown's Nicholas Perry ended up eighteenth overall. (Photos by Dave Gorgon)

Two recent college graduates beat the rest of the field – and the rain – to win their first Rollie Hopgood Midtown Taylor 5K Run on July 12. Wade Wines, a Pinckney native who just graduated from Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti, was the overall male winner. The 22-year-old finished the course in 15 minutes and 58 seconds – an average of 5:09 per mile. Dearborn resident Emily Masters, a University of Michigan–Dearborn graduate, was the fastest female. Masters, 24, finished the course in 19:30, more than a minute faster than her closest competitor.

Wines' victory brought to an end a five-year winning streak by Grosse Ile native Jon Hodge, a standout runner at Grosse Ile High School and, later, at Northwood University. Hodge, now 23, finished fourth overall in 17:09.

The three runners were among those who finished before heavy rains soaked the course - and the athletes - for the first time in the race history, according to organizers. The rain had an impact on race times.

Wines' closest competitor was his running partner, Scott Setzke of Wyandotte, who moved up from fourth place last year to overall runner-up this year. He improved his time by more than a minute, from 17:26 in 2007 to 16:22 this year. Rounding out the top 10 overall males were **Sam Breen**, 19, of Brownstown Township (16:43); Hodge; Andrew Brackmann, 25, of Dearborn (17:15); Michael Selke, 38, of Westland (17:23); **Eddie Traynor**, 27, of Taylor (17:25); James Abrams, 17, of Monroe; John Webb, 14, of Newport (17:34); and Jordan Henning, 15, of Kalamazoo (17:41).

In the Taylor race, where men and women run together, overall women's champion Masters was 23rd overall. Her closest female competitor was Chelsea Savage, 18, of Monroe (20:38). Rounding out the top 10 females were Andrea Hoffman, 18, of Monroe (21:22); Winonah Krug, 16, of Monroe (21:35); Juliana Prine, 18, of Newport (21:59); Brittany Robichaud, 15, of Monroe (22:11); **Zoe Metro**, 33, of Ypsilanti (22:17); Maggy Zidar, 58, of Pontiac (23:11); Donna Olson, 58, of Canton Township (23:14); and Rebecca Maynor,

14, of Allen Park (24:21). Metro, a Taylor firefighter, was the top finisher in the women's 30-34 age group. Zidar was the overall female masters winner, while Olson was the overall female grand masters champion. Shirley Torrance, 62, of Saline was the overall female senior grand masters winner (28:05).

On the men's side, John Tarkowski, 55, of Northville was the overall male masters winner. At 18:19, he finished 17th overall. Darryl Stanbrough, 56, of Oak Park was the grand masters winner in 20:12. Monte Piliawski, 64, of Southfield won the senior grand masters title (22:17).

For the first time, the race awarded the fastest walkers of the 5K course. Christina Scholz, 60, of Southgate was the overall female winner in 40:01. **Luke Yasuhara**, 56, of Taylor, was the overall male winner in 43:51. The women's and men's masters champions were **Vicky Tindell** of Taylor (40:41) and Jim Hadley of Dearborn (44:52), respectively.

The race, which is held every year during the Meijer Taylor Summer Festival, is named for the late Rollie Hopgood, a lifelong Taylor resident and former Taylor councilman, teacher, and union leader who founded the event as a member of the Downriver Runners. Hopgood, 62, died suddenly in 2002 while vacationing in Hawaii.

A large share of the proceeds benefit the Rollie Hopgood MFT & SRP Scholarship. Midtown Taylor (Goddard Road between Telegraph and Allen roads) also sponsors the race to bring attention to the expanding residential and business district. Race Director Greg Everal was assisted by Dottie Myers, Jenni Everal and Chris Hopgood.

Other area residents who took part in the race included:

- Andrew Campbell, Brownstown – 18:02 (second, men's 16-17)
- Nick Albertson, Brownstown – 18:03 (third, men's 16-17)
- Nicholas Perry, Brownstown – 18:34 (third, men's 14-15)
- Grant Truskowski, Brownstown – 18:47 (fourth, men's 14-15)

- Dale Tindell, Taylor – 18:49 (third, men's 18-19)
- Adam Hunt, Brownstown – 19:54 (fourth, men's 18-19)
- Michael Ciesielski, Brownstown – 20:36 (fourth, men's 30-34)
- Jeremy Fabris, New Boston – 21:05 (sixth, men's 20-24)
- Kyle Tindell, Taylor – 21:08 (fifth, men's 18-19)
- Jake Raj, Brownstown – 21:15 (fifth, men's 16-17)
- David Brown, Taylor – 22:19 (third, men's 45-49)
- Jonathon Rutkowski, Brownstown – 22:57 (second, men's 13 and under)
- Josh Gluba, Taylor – 23:36 (eleventh, men's 16-17)
- George Tindell, Taylor – 23:38 (seventh, men's 40-44)
- Peter Caldwell, Brownstown – 23:42 (sixth, men's 30-34)
- Douglas Serra, Taylor – 24:00 (fifth, men's 45-49)
- Larry Barnett, Taylor – 24:53 (fifth, men's 50-54)
- Amy Solomon, Brownstown – 25:39 (first, women's 25-29)
- Kelli Fabbri, Taylor – 25:43 (second, women's 25-29)
- Khai Lee, Taylor – 25:43 (sixth, men's 35-39)
- William Bujak, Belleville – 25:48 (fourth, men's 55-59)
- Nicole Ozimek, Taylor – 26:16 (fifth, women's 30-34)
- Gary Gatesy, New Boston – 27:04 (ninth, men's 45-49)
- Bob Ellis, Taylor – 27:05 (seventh, men's 50-54)
- Karen Miller, Brownstown – 27:24 (second, women's 50-54)
- David Burke, Taylor – 27:45 (thirteenth, men's 30-34)
- Michele Binge, Taylor – 28:27 (sixth, women's 30-34)
- Richard Chappo, Taylor – 29:05 (twelfth, men's 45-49)
- Shelly Gabriel, Taylor – 29:15 (seventh, women's 30-34)
- Christopher Siemion, Taylor – 29:25 (seventh, men's 55-59)
- Jeanette Hetterscheidt, Brownstown – 29:43 (eighth, women's 30-34)
- Marie Brown, Taylor – 31:48 (fourth, women's 45-49)
- Lisa Marie Prysock, New Boston – 31:50 (seventh, women's 40-44)
- Jenny Hoban, Taylor – 32:22 (ninth, women's 30-34)
- Stacy Vespremi, Taylor – 32:52 (tenth, women's 30-34)
- Keith Collett, Taylor – 33:03 (fourth, men's 70-74)
- William Serlin, Taylor – 33:13 (sixteenth, men's 30-34)
- Michelle Ogg, Taylor – 33:19 (eighth, women's 25-29)
- Daniel Ogg, Taylor – 33:20 (seventeenth, men's 30-34)
- Charmaine Smith, Romulus – 33:27 (ninth, women's 35-39)
- Julie Yasuhara, Taylor – 34:19 (tenth, women's 40-44)
- Christine Kelly-William, Taylor – 34:42 (eleventh, women's 35-39)
- Kelerin Lewis, Taylor – 36:25 (twelfth, women's 30-34)
- Mary Thompson, Taylor – 36:25 (twelfth, women's 35-39)
- Barb Nester, Taylor – 36:34 (twelfth, women's 40-44)
- Sarah Townsend, Taylor – 36:35 (thirteenth, women's 30-34)
- James Wallace, Brownstown – 36:59 (fifteenth, men's 40-44)
- Lynn Gendrow, Taylor – 37:02 (eighth, women's 45-49)
- Ron Ramoz, Brownstown – 37:35 (sixth, men's 60-64)
- Pamela Purcell, Taylor – 37:10 (fourteenth, women's 30-34)
- Teresa McGuckin, Taylor – 37:50 (sixteenth, women's 30-34)
- Bernd Mueller, Taylor – 39:24 (fifth, men's 70-74)
- Donald Lonser, Taylor – 43:27 (eighteenth, men's 30-34)
- Allie Foce, Taylor – 49:25 (fourth, women's 18-19)
- Chuck Foce, Taylor – 49:25 (fifteenth, men's 50-54)
- Frances Gelletta, Taylor – 55:33 (women's 5K Walk) □

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The annual Romulus Mayor's Drug Task Force Golf Outing, held at Gateway Golf Club on July 11, raised over \$7,300 to provide drug/alcohol prevention/awareness programs and four, \$1,000 college scholarships for Romulus residents. Joining Mayor Alan R. Lambert (right) to "Get Teed Off About Drugs!" were (from left) City of Romulus Chief of Staff Betsey Krampitz; her husband, Kevin Krampitz; and Mayor Lambert's fiancée, Diane Banks.

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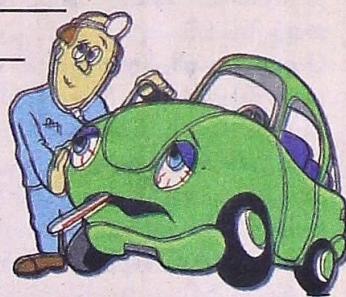
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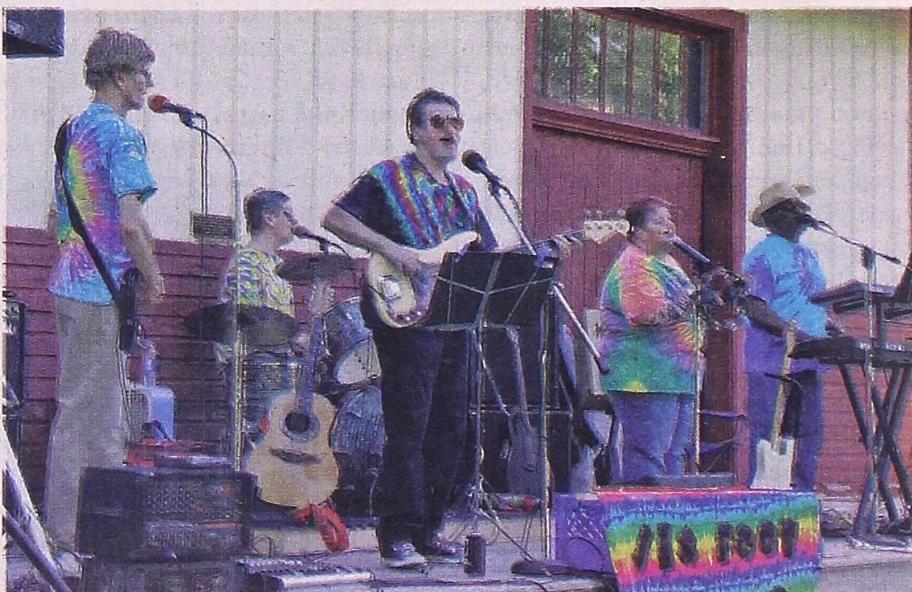
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The July 11 installment of the City of Romulus "Sounds in Downtown" series featured classic rock performed by The 6 Foot Poles. Future programs, to be held at Historic Park in the downtown area, will include The Back Beats (Beatles music) on July 25; Marsha Gayle (Top 40) on August 8, and "Straight Ahead" (R&B/Jazz) on August 22. All concerts will run from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Fishing Derby Draws Local Youths



Posing with their prizes were the top finishers in the 2008 Taylor Rotary Fishing Derby: (front, from left) Klayton Williams, Nathan Hashbarger, Austin Seymour, Isiah King, Jake Zacharias, Ryan Zacharias, Ella Duran, and Ashley Pace. Also present were weighmaster Elmer DePlanche (left) and Taylor Rotary president Armando Sardanopoli.

At age 11, Klayton Williams already is a veteran of the Taylor Rotary Fishing Derby, which was held the morning of July 13 during the Meijer Taylor Summer Festival in Heritage Park. In 2004 and 2005, Williams took second place in the derby's junior division (ages 5-8). In 2006, he was sixth in the senior division (9-12). Last year, he finished third.

This year, Williams snagged a 2.4-pound carp — the biggest fish of the day — which allowed the Taylor boy to snag his first Taylor Rotary Fishing Derby championship. Williams, who will enter Taylor's Sixth Grade Academy in the fall, had an overall total of 2.6 pounds — good for a narrow 0.3-pound victory over 9-year-old Nathan Hashbarger (2.3), who attends Hoover Elementary School. Eleven-year-old Austin Seymour, who will be a classmate of Williams, finished a close third (2.2).

Isiah King, 8, won the younger division by catching 2.1 pounds of fish from Coan Lake. There was a three-way tie for second place, with a pound each among brothers Jake and Ryan Zacharias and Ella Duran. Jake, age 8, and Ryan, 5, attend Taylor Examplar Academy. Duran, 5, attends Anderson Elementary in Trenton.

Taking fifth in the junior division was Ashley Pace — one of four Pace cousins in the event. The 5-year-old, who attends Clarence Randall Elementary School in Taylor, finished just 0.1 pounds out of second.

All eight children will receive trophies and new fishing gear, compliments of the Taylor Rotary Club. Williams, who also won five trophies during the Allen Park Fishing Derby in 2004 and 2005, was most thrilled with the prize he received for catching the largest fish: an actual alligator head skeleton. The prize was presented by Elmer DePlanche, a former Taylor resident who travels to the city annually from Lake Placid, Florida, to serve as weighmaster.

"I congratulate all of the kids who gave it their all," said Armando Sardanopoli,

president of the Taylor Rotary. "It was perfect weather for fishing, and the kids had great attitudes."

Sardanopoli presented DePlanche with a gift as a token of the Rotary's appreciation for serving as weighmaster all 20 years of the derby.

Sharon Vespremi, who coordinates the event on behalf of the City of Taylor, thanked the parents for introducing their children to the sport of fishing. She also thanked DePlanche and the Rotary for sponsoring the tournament and many other positive activities in the city.

Taylor Rotary Fishing Derby — Leader Board

Senior Division (ages 9-12): Klayton Williams (2.6 pounds), Nathan Hashbarger (2.3), Austin Seymour (2.2), Jacob Le Claire (1.9), Kyle Yearly (1.9), Gregory Pinkowski (1.6), Megan Pace (1.3), Kyle Evans (0.8), Zachary Pace (0.6), and Haley Mortensen (0.6).

Junior Division (ages 5-8): Isiah King (2.1 pounds), Jake Zacharias (1.0), Ryan Zacharias (1.0), Ella Duran (1.0), Ashley Pace (0.9), Sidney Pace (0.8), Paul Duran (0.6), Kris Vance (0.4), Ethan Harris (0.4), and Austin Molina (0.4). □

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Taylor-based Dance Company, Ballet Americana, Receives Recognition

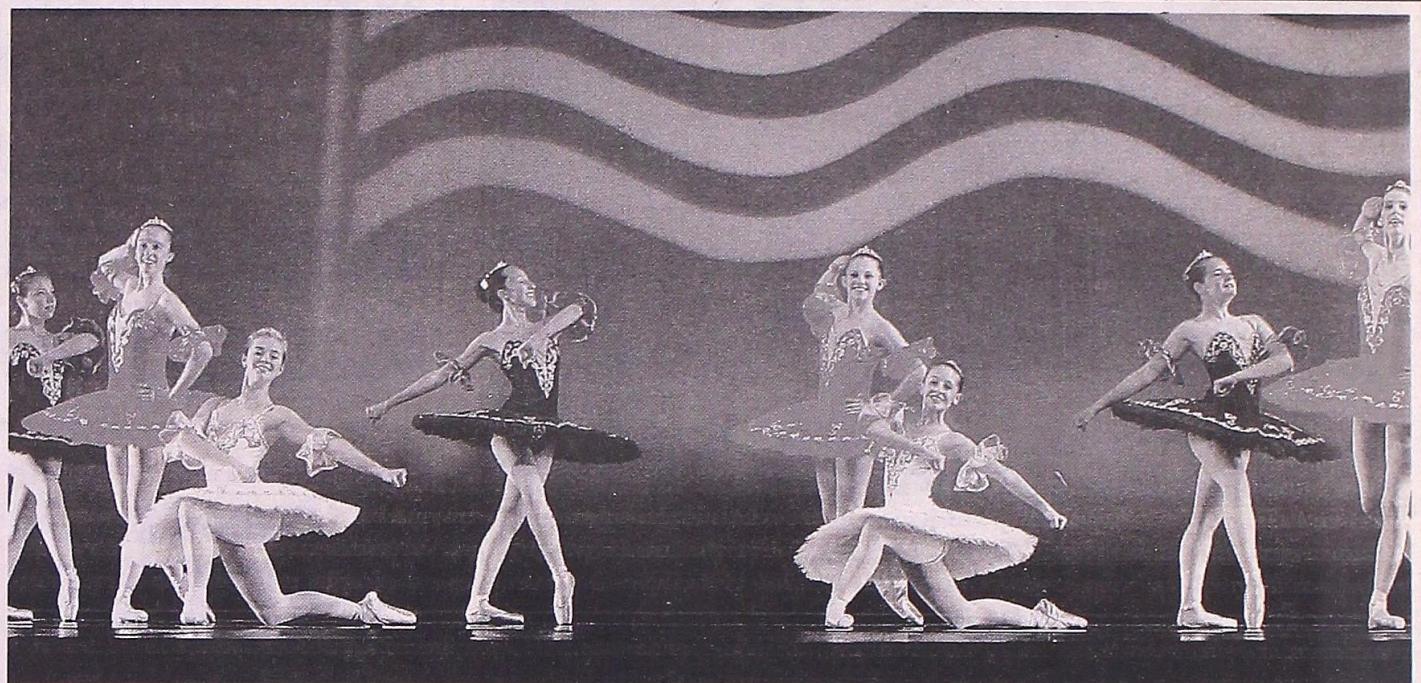
Ballet Americana, an affiliate of Taylor Dance, was among a select group of dance companies chosen to perform at the Dance America Mid-States Regional Festival held in Indianapolis in May. Joy Squire, director of Ballet Americana, said the company was honored to receive such high recognition for its work.

"Regional Dance America is not a competition where numerous ribbons and awards are given to many attendees," she explained. "It includes only the nationally recognized companies that are chosen yearly by adjudication."

Earlier this year, Squire's group was named a Mid-States dance company for the fifth consecutive time. Currently, there are only 12 companies in the Midwest region that have achieved the level of skill, training and performance to receive such recognition, she said.

Ballet Americana danced three pieces at the festival:

- "Salute" – a pointe work choreographed by the group's co-artistic director, Leif Lorenz, and performed by dancers Samantha Blackburn (Taylor), Hannah Blair (Lincoln Park), Stephanie Brooks (Allen Park), Courtney Ehred (Allen Park), Kelsey Kochan (Taylor), Rachel LePage (Southgate), Mary Mitroka (Grosse Ile), Abby Phillips (Taylor), Stacey Schepens (Lincoln Park), Kelly



Among those who performed "Salute" – a pointe work choreographed by Leif Lorenz (who, along with wife Patricia Squire Lorenz, is co-artistic director for the group) – were: (from left) Alyssa Tanner (Romulus), Courtney Ehred (Allen Park), Kelly Staricha (Allen Park), Stephanie Brooks (Allen Park), Abby Phillips (Taylor), Melissa Surma (Taylor), Mary Mitroka (Grosse Ile), and Samantha Blackburn (Taylor).

- Staricha (Allen Park), Melissa Surma (Taylor), and Alyssa Tanner (Romulus);
- "My Other Me" – a contemporary work choreographed by Lorenz and performed by dancers Blackburn, Ehred, Kochan, LePage, Mitroka, Phillips, Staricha, Surma, and Tanner; and

- "Sunset Gathering" – an ethnic-themed modern and tap work choreographed by Bill Evans and performed by dancers Blackburn, Blair, Brooks, Nicole Brown (Taylor), Ehred, Kochan, LePage, Brittany Marek (Grosse Ile), Mitroka, Phillips, Schepens, Kaitlynn Schuster

(Taylor), Staricha, Leah Staricha (Allen Park), Surma, and Tanner.

Taylor Dance and Ballet Americana are based at the Taylor Recreation Center, located at 22805 Goddard Road.

For information, call 734-374-3904 or visit www.balletamericana.org. □

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Fish & Loaves Food Pantry To Open

Recent economic trends in Michigan have meant tough times for Downriver families. But Downriver-area and Dearborn Heights churches are working together to help take some of the bite out of the economic downturn, insuring that no family goes without food.

On Tuesday, July 29, the churches will celebrate the grand opening of the Fish & Loaves "Client Choice" Food Pantry to assist families with everything from canned goods to frozen foods and fresh vegetables. U.S. Congressman John Dingell and State Senator Raymond Basham are expected to be among the dignitaries present for the opening festivities.

Located in Taylor and established in partnership with the Gleaners Food Bank, which has a new adjoining warehouse, the Fish & Loaves Pantry will serve residents of Allen Park, Brownstown Township, Dearborn Heights, Romulus, Southgate, and Taylor. As the first "client choice" facility in the Detroit Metro area, the Fish & Loaves Pantry provides opportunities for families and individuals to "shop" using a grocery cart in a manner similar to shopping in a regular store. However, there is no charge to clients for any of the food, which is donated through churches and community food drives, or purchased using contributions that the Fish & Loaves Pantry receives. In using a "client choice" approach, the goal of the Fish & Loaves Pantry is both to avoid the waste of items that clients may not want and to provide a dignified setting for clients to receive help.

"Our local need is very great," noted Fish & Loaves president Geoffrey Drutchas. "Since unofficially opening our doors on June 9, we have helped more than 225 families with over 30,000 pounds of food."

The Fish & Loaves Pantry expects to be serving 1,000 families from five Downriver communities and Dearborn Heights

by January 2009. Clients are referred to Fish & Loaves by churches and agencies. Enrollment for pantry food assistance is by referral and client appointment only. Clients may shop at Fish & Loaves six times per year.

The Fish & Loaves Pantry is staffed entirely by volunteers, starting with operations manager Russ Newsome and volunteer coordinator Heather Moga.

"The volunteer response from our supporting churches has been terrific," said Moga. "But, as we continue to serve a larger client pool, we'll need more volunteers as well as more donations."

Area churches are invited to visit the Fish & Loaves Pantry during the grand opening or at another time. Group tours of the pantry and the new adjoining Gleaners warehouse also can be arranged.

Located on Northline Road, just east of Beech-Daly, the Fish & Loaves Client Choice Pantry is a faith-based, nonsectarian, nonprofit organization that was founded four years ago. It has sponsored annual Christmas and "Back-2-School" events, distributing food to families in need.

In addition to its pantry operation, Fish & Loaves will be hosting a "Healthy Start and Family Fun Day" at the Taylor Human Services Center (located at Eureka and Lange roads) on Thursday, August 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. In the midst of some fun activities for kids, a free lunch will be served, and children will have an opportunity to receive their school immunizations and other medical care. Information about the new pantry will also be available there.

Those interested in volunteering for Fish & Loaves, or making a food or monetary donation to support Fish & Loaves, can call the pantry directly at 734-778-1611 or write to Fish & Loaves at 25670 Northline Road, Taylor, MI 48180. Additional information is available on the pantry's Web site: www.downriverfishandloaves.org. □

Taylor City Employees Award Scholarships



Megan Etue (left) of the Taylor Governmental Management and Administrative Employees Association and Mayor Cameron G. Priebe (right) presented \$750 scholarships to Taylor residents Christopher McNeely (second from left) and Steven Gorgon during the June 17 City Council meeting. The 2008 graduates of Gabriel Richard High School were lauded as good students and athletes whose friendliness, compassion, and community service make them excellent role models.

Community Calendar

To place information in our next issue's Community Calendar, mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174-0038; FAX it to 734-992-2052; or e-mail it to thelittlepaper@comcast.net by 5 p.m. on Friday, August 1.

Belleville

Friends of the Library

The next meeting of the Friends of the Library will be held at the Fred C. Fischer Library (167 4th Street) on Saturday, August 2, at 9:30 a.m.

For information, call 734-699-3291.

Wayne County Fair

The 62nd Annual Wayne County Fair is set for Monday, August 4, through Saturday, August 9.

Visit waynecountyfairgrounds.net for information.

Farmer's Market

Farmer's Market – held at Victory Park (Five Points intersection in downtown Belleville) – is open each Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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Brownstown Township

Aquatics Program

The Brownstown Department of Parks and Recreation has joined with the Gibraltar School District to offer a Summer Aquatics Program at Carlson High School (20550 West Jefferson, Gibraltar).

Open swimming will be offered from 5 to 7 p.m. each Monday and Wednesday through August 13 for \$2 per person or \$5 per family.

The following group swim lessons for various skill levels will be offered each Monday through Thursday from July 28 through August 14 (Session III).

- "Group A" (ages 3–7; for swimmers who are hesitant about entering the water) – 11:15 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- "Group B" (ages 4–8; for swimmers who are comfortable in the pool and ready to start learning basic freestyle and backstroke) – 11:15 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- "Group C" (ages 5–9; for swimmers who are competent in freestyle and backstroke, and are ready to refine existing skills and learn additional strokes) – 11:15 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- "Novice Group" (ages 5–13; for those familiar with swimming, but who need guidance in learning additional strokes and building endurance) – 10 to 11 a.m.
- "Junior/Senior Group" (ages 10–18; for swimmers with competitive swimming backgrounds) – 8:30 to 10 a.m.

Cost for all group lessons is \$60 per session. Preregister at the Brownstown Recreation Office (21311 Telegraph Road).

For information, call 734-675-0920.

Huron Township

Safety Village

The Huron Township Police Department's "Safety Village" program teaches children entering kindergarten about safety issues they will face in the upcoming school year. Topics addressed will include fire, water, electricity, school buses and seat belts, strangers, and more.

Openings still remain for Afternoon Session I, which will meet from 1 to 4 p.m. Monday, August 4, through Friday, August 8, at Safety Village Park (HTPD, 36500 South Huron Road, New Boston).

Cost is \$25 for resident children or \$30 for nonresidents.

For information, call Terri Lindenmuth at 734-753-4411.

Nursery Accepting Applications for Fall

Huron Countryside Co-op Nursery (located in St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 19109 Craig Street) is now accepting applications for ages 30 months to 5 years.

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Call the school (734-753-5978) or Becki (734-941-3926) for information.

Romulus

Free Outdoor Concert/Movie Series

The City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation will continue its series of free Friday concerts and Saturday movies with the following events, to be held at Romulus Historical Park (Hunt Street near the post office downtown).

On July 25, The Back Beats will perform a "Tribute to the Beatles" from 7 to 8:30 p.m.; July 26's movie (*Enchanted*) will begin at 9:30 p.m.

August 8's concert – again, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. – will feature Marsha Gayle performing Top 40 music, while the August 9 movie (9:30 p.m.) will be *Facing the Giants*.

The series will wrap up with Straight Ahead (R&B/Jazz) at 7 p.m. on August 22, and *Mr. Magorium's Emporium* on August 23 at 9:30 p.m.

Bring your blankets and chairs. Concessions and "inflatables" will be available.

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Democratic Club Picnic/Membership Drive

The Romulus Democratic Club is inviting the public to attend its free annual picnic and membership drive, to be held from noon to 5 p.m. on Saturday, July 26,

at Elmer Johnson Park (Ozga Road south of Wick). Hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, potato salad, and pop will be served.

For information, call 734-941-4558.

Scrapbooking Adventures

The City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation's next Scrapbooking Adventure programs – open to ages 16 and up – will be held at 11189 Shook Road from 12 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, July 26, and Saturday, August 23.

A cost of \$20 per event covers at least three feet of crop space; dinner, snacks, and water; and a door-prize drawing. Scrapbooking supplies will be available for purchase from a vendor. Space is limited; pre-register at the Romulus Athletic Center (35765 Northline Road) by July 25 and August 22, respectively.

For information, call 734-941-8665.

Camp Out!

The City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation is organizing a group "Camp Out" to be held at Elmer Johnson Park (Ozga Road south of Wick Road) on Thursday, July 31, starting at 6 p.m. (Set up begins at 4 p.m.)

The event will feature a hot dog and marshmallow roast, activities, games, and prizes. Families must supply their own tent and related gear, and children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian for the entire night.

A cost of \$15 (cash only) must be paid by Monday, July 28.

For information, call 734-941-8665.

Youth Group Swim Night

The Romulus Athletic Center (35765 Northline Road) will hold Youth Group Swim Night events from 9 p.m. to midnight on Friday, August 8.

Cost is \$8 per person.

For information, call 734-942-2223.

Hypnotherapy for Weight Loss

The City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation will host a Weight Reduction hypnotherapy session at 11189 Shook Road from 12 to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, August 9.

Cost is \$25. Preregister at the Romulus Athletic Center (35765 Northline Road) by Thursday, August 7.

For information, call 734-941-8665.

Second Monday Book Club

Meetings of the Second Monday Book Club – open to everyone 18 and older – are held at the Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Road) from 7 to 8:15 p.m. Advance registration is not required for this free program; just read the suggested book, then drop in and enjoy the discussion and refreshments.

Books planned for discussion include:

- *Pontoon: A Lake Wobegon Novel* by Garrison Keillor (August 11), and

• *At Home in Mitford* by Jan Karon (September 8).

For information, call 734-942-7589.

Historical Society Meets

The next meeting of the Romulus Historical Society will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, August 20, at the Romulus Historical Museum (11120 Hunt Street).

For information, call 734-697-9628.

Taylor

Tea Time in Paradise

The Taylor Conservatory Foundation will host "Tea Time in Paradise" from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, August 3, at the Taylor Conservatory & Botanical Gardens (22314 Northline Road, at Pardee).

The event will include a light lunch (featuring a home-brewed "chartreuse" organic hibiscus tea), a performance by the Ballet Americana Hawaiian Dancers, and a presentation by the Michigan Orchid Society – all presented in a beautiful setting.

Cost for the fund-raiser, which will benefit the "Growing Great Communities" campaign, is \$25 per adult, \$15 for children 12 and under.

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Van Buren Township

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Admission to the Sizzlin' Summer Nights concerts held in Van Buren Park (off the South I-94 Service Drive, just east of Rawsonville Road) is \$6: \$3 for park admission and \$3 for the concert itself.

Scheduled programs – all of which begin at 7 p.m. – are:

- Mr. Largebeat (dance space rock) – August 1
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- "Back Beats Tribute to the Beatles" – August 15

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Obituaries

Lana M. Laburda

Lana M. Laburda of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Wednesday, July 9, 2008, at the age of 61.

Lana was born in Dearborn, Michigan, on Tuesday, November 26, 1946. Her many interests included reading, collecting frogs and turtles, and playing cards, bingo, and casino games. She especially loved taking care of her furry companion, "Buttons."

Surviving Lana are 3 sons, Donald R. Horton (Romulus), Gerald J. (Linda) Horton (Taylor, MI), and George R. (Romane)

Horton (Romulus); a daughter, Nicole (Jeffrey) Luttermoser (Dundee, MI); a brother, Fred Laburda (Lincoln Park, MI); a sister, Janice (George) Bennett (Milan, MI); 11 grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

A funeral service was held on Monday, July 14, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with Pastor Robert J. White (Grace Baptist Church, Belleville, MI) officiating. Interment was at Hillside Cemetery (Belleville). Memorial tributes may be directed to the family for later designation.

Ruth Maddox

Ruth Maddox of Romulus, Michigan, passed away at her home on Wednesday, July 9, 2008, at the age of 86.

The daughter of the late Burl and Mattie (Jester) Smith was born on Sunday, September 25, 1921.

Ruth retired from United Airlines (Detroit, MI) after many years of loyal service. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church (Romulus), and enjoyed going to the casino, playing bingo, traveling, shopping, and listening to the birds.

Surviving Ruth are 3 children, R. "Glen" (Patricia) Maddox (Aurora, CO), Connie (David) Furtaw (Romulus), and

Margaret (Thomas) Sajdac (Mokena, IL); 10 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; 3 brothers, Guy, Hubert, and Afton Smith; and 2 sisters, Wilma Daniel and Catherine Cooksey.

Among those who predeceased her were her loving husband, Lee (who passed away in 1981), and 2 sisters, Evelyn Hopson and Beulah Ruthridge.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, July 12, at David C. Brown Funeral Home (Belleville, MI), with Pastor Paul Engle officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock). Memorials to Odyssey Hospice would be appreciated.

Denise H. Pawlowski

Michigan, passed away on Thursday, July 3, 2008, at the age of 52.

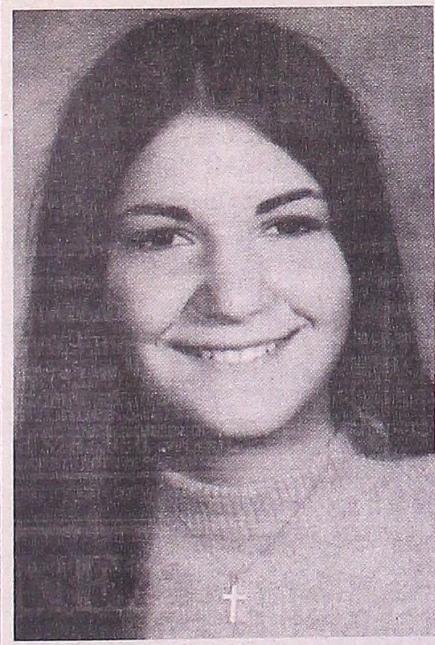
The daughter of the late Henry and Violet L. (Cox) Pawlowski was born in Ypsilanti, Michigan, on Saturday, July 30, 1955.

Denise, who earned a bachelor of science degree in botany at Michigan State University, was employed as a horticulturist at Pinter's Greenhouse for many years. She enjoyed quilting, bird-watching, and collecting Disney memorabilia.

Among those surviving Denise are her daughter, Ashley L. Pawlowski (Belleville), and her sister, Janet Crook (Romulus, MI).

A funeral service was held on Wednesday, July 9, at St. Aloysius Catholic Church (Romulus), with Father John Hedges (St. Stephen Catholic Church, New Boston, MI) officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock).

Memorial tributes to the Arbor Foundation or Audobon Society would be greatly appreciated by the family. □



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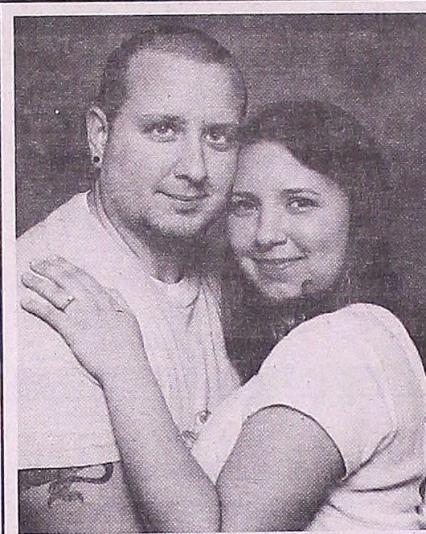
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The couple – both residents of Ypsilanti, Michigan – plan to exchange their vows at Woodlands of Van Buren (Wayne MI) on Saturday, September 12, 2009.

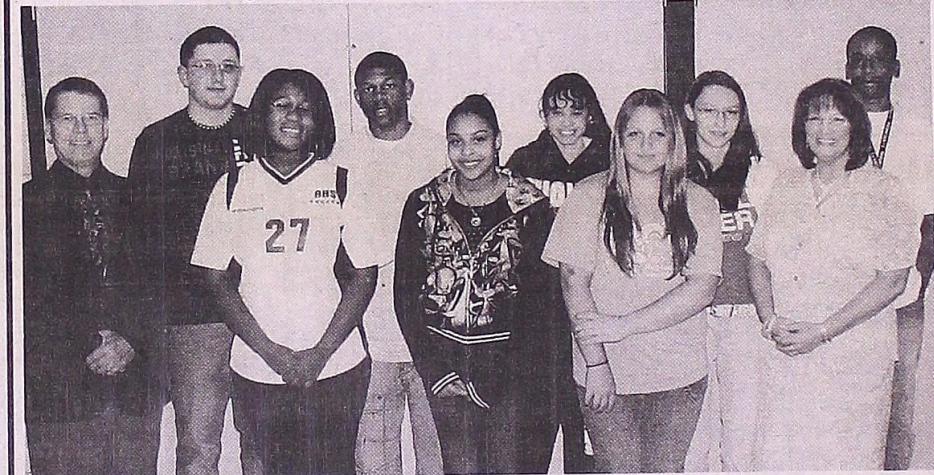
Stacey will be attended by her maid of honor, Nerida Kordonis, as well as bridesmaids Rusty Harris, Lindsay Amann, Christina Bergman, and Holly Brown. Junior bridesmaids will be Shelby Sisson, Kayla Sauers, and Mackenna Sauers.

Standing up with Timothy will be his best man, Eric Fritz, and groomsmen Dennis Rhode, Christopher Rhode, Dean "DJ" Gilbert, Jr., and Tony Chodkiewich.

Laila Kordonis and Brent Wood will be the flower girl and ringbearer, respectively.

A reception will immediately follow the ceremony. □

"Student of the Month" Honorees Win Bonds



Romulus High School's "Student of the Month" program, which (thanks to the generosity of local sponsors) rewards good students with savings bonds, wrapped up the 2007–2008 school year with a "grand finale" prize drawing. RHS assistant principal Don Foley (left) and RHS secretary Lynn Webb (second from right) congratulated winners (from left) Justin Kuderik (\$50), Krystal Burrell (\$500), Marcel Rogers (\$100), Patricia Small (\$50), Kasandra Gray (\$200), and Terrell Clyburn (\$50). (Not pictured: Stacy Fabinski, \$50, and Amber Sears, \$50.) Altogether, the program has awarded \$4,265 this year and \$281,850 overall.

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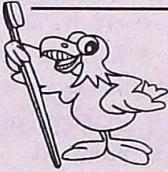
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